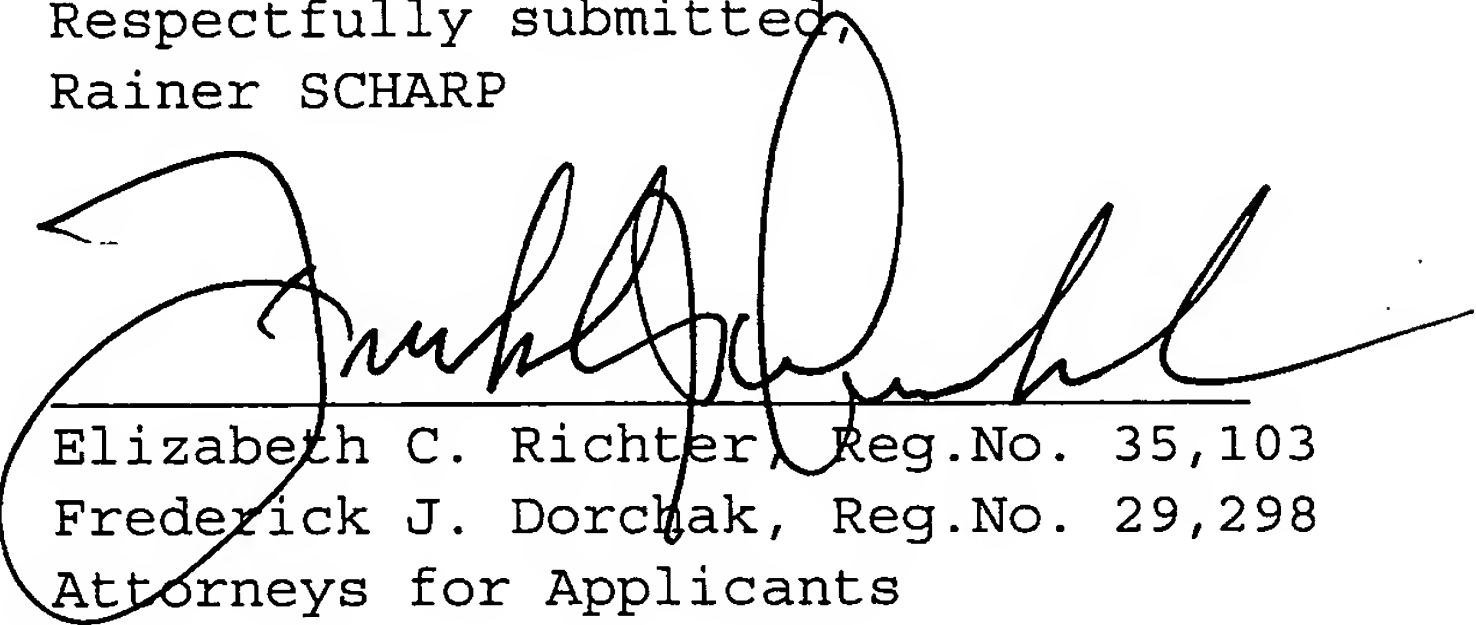


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1 and the claims have been amended to improve their form. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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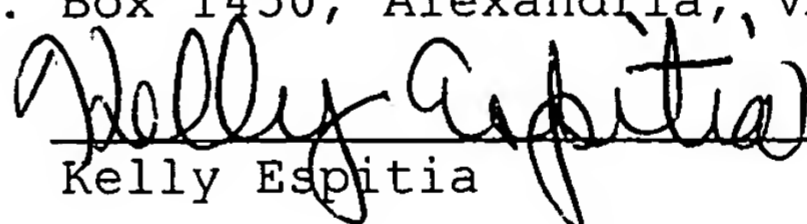


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